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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/801,787	Applicant(s) DUNNUM ET AL.	
	Examiner Bena Miller	Art Unit 3712	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kramer.

Kramer teaches in the figures a baby bottle comprising a hollow substantially cylindrical container (14), a nipple (20), a handle assembly (32, 26, see marked copy figure 1), a sound module (38; col. 3, par. 3) and means for generating sound (44; it should be noted that the means for generating of sound of Kramer is an equivalent of the claimed means for generating sound, as required by 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph).

Regarding claim 2, Kramer further teaches the closed end is radially enlarged relative the remaining container body (fig.1 and 3)

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dunnum.

Dunnum teaches in the figures a baby bottle comprising a hollow substantially cylindrical container (1), a nipple (15), a handle assembly (17), a sound module (10, 11 and 14; The examiner takes the position that the sound module of Dunnum is capable of being removable attached to the handle assembly) and means for generating sound (10).

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Regarding claim 2, Dunnum further teaches the closed end is radially enlarged relative the remaining container body (fig.1)

Regarding claims 3 and 4, Dunnum further teaches the sound module adapted to play music and audible educational material (col. 3, par. 2).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-7 are allowed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hoftman teaches a handle attachment for a baby bottle. Ennis teaches a flexible container. Arad et al teaches a simulated baby bottle toy. Shteynberg teaches a nursing bottle.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bena Miller whose telephone number is 703.305.0643. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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